

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), comprising at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are configured to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, and are mutually nestable with each other.

2. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are nestable with each other over at least 50% of their heights.

3. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1 wherein the cavity defining elements (5) have one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of:

- they are made mainly conical;
- they comprise one or more side walls (13) and a top wall (12), and are open on the bottom side;
- they have the shape of an inverted flower pot;
- they are each provided with at least one air hole (14);
- they are each made in one piece;
- they are made of plastic material,
- they are circular in horizontal cross section; and
- they are provided with locking parts at their bottom ends which are configured to be embedded in the concrete layer (3), thereby enabling catching of the locking parts behind reinforcement elements (4).

4. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements have a lower part (5) situated in the concrete of the hardened concrete layer (3).

5. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (4), solely via a part thereof embedded in the concrete layer (3).

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6. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 5, wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (4) in such a way that they at least remain anchored against floating and possible other forces when liquid concrete or cast concrete (7) is poured over them.

7. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 5, wherein the anchoring is obtained by means of locking parts provided on the hollow elements (5), said locking parts at least including a laterally extending collar (15).

8. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are erected in rows in orthogonal directions.

9. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, including a supporting device arranged to support a top reinforcement (16), said supporting device defining supporting parts (17) which are located higher than the top sides of the cavity defining elements (5).

10. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 15, wherein the supporting parts (17) are formed of reinforcement rods (11) extending mainly parallel to the concrete layer (3).

11. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, including reinforcement elements (4) in the concrete layer (3) and wherein the cavity defining elements (5) are anchored in the concrete layer (3) without contacting said reinforcement elements (4).

12. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), comprising at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), said cavity defining elements (5) configured to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, wherein said cavity defining elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (4) solely via an anchoring part thereof anchored in the concrete layer (3), and being thereby optionally lockable to the reinforcement elements, said

anchoring being sufficiently solid so that said elements (5) will at least stay anchored against floating when liquid concrete or cast concrete (7) is poured over them.

13. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), comprising at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), said cavity defining elements (5) configured to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, and a supporting device arranged to support a top reinforcement (16), said supporting device defining supporting parts (17) which are located higher than the top sides of the cavity defining elements (5).

14. (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing a construction element (1) according to claim 1, comprising pouring an amount of concrete in a mould (18) to form a concrete layer (3); providing the concrete layer (3) with a reinforcement; providing cavity defining hollow elements (5) in the concrete before it has hardened, said cavity defining elements having locking parts at their bottom sides, so that they rest in the concrete at least with these locking parts; and in letting the concrete harden, after which the whole is removed from the mould (18).

15. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 14, wherein the cavity defining hollow elements (5) are taken automatically from a stock of such elements (5) and are automatically installed in the concrete by means of said locking parts.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said installation of the cavity defining elements involves vibrating the cavity defining elements.